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SUBJ: HENNING BECKER AND VIETNAMESE CHILDREN

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1. LETTER SENT TO HOLGER LINDHOLT TODAY, SIGNED BY COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY FOR COUNSULAR AFFAIRS. EMBASSY POUCHING COPY OF EXACT TEXT.

2. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION WITH MFA CONCERNING POSSIBLE ADOPTION BY AMERICAN COUPLE OF VU VAN HOA (COPENHAGEN 591 AND PREVIOUS), MFA OFFICIAL REMARKED IN GENERAL THAT WHILE DANES COULD NOT CONSIDER OFFERS FROM PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS FOR RESETTLEMENT IN OTHER COUNTRIES OF VIETNAMESE CHILDREN, OFFER BY USG TO PROVIDE VISAS TO US FOR ENTIRE GROUP MIGHT BE VIEWED FAVORABLY (UNLESS SUCH A SOLUTION WOULD PUT DANES IN BAD LIGHT AS INCAPABLE OF HANDLING PROBLEM). EMBASSY RESPONDED AS BEFORE THAT USG HAS EVERY CONFIDENCE IN DANISH ABILITY TO CARE FOR CHILDREN AND ACT IN THEIR BEST INTEREST.

3. VIOLA FAMILY IN HAWAII HAS RECEIVED BOTH TELEPHONE CALL AND LETTER FROM VU VAN HOA. ACCORDING TO MRS. VIOLA, HOA EXPRESSED EARNEST DESIRE TO JOIN VIOLA FAMILY. LACK OF CORRESPONDENCE FROM HOA FOR SEVERAL MONTHS PRIOR PROBABLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO INFLUENCE OF HENNING

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BECKER, WHO WAS SEPARATED FROM HOA SHORTLY BEFORE LETTER

AND TELEPHONE CALL. UNLESS DEPARTMENT OBJECTS, EMBASSY
WILL CONTINUE TO RENDER LOW-KEY CONSULAR ASSISTANCE TO
VIOLA FAMILY IN THEIR EFFORTS TO ADOPT HOA, BUT WILL
REMAIN OUT OF GENERAL CONTROVERSY CONCERNING DISPOSITION'
OF ENTIRE GROUP.
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